



## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Mondt, Johannes P.

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2826

Invention: Semiconductor Device and Its Manufacturing Method

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

|               | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID<br>FOR | NO. OF EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 20                                  | MINUS | 20                                       | 0                              | \$18 | \$ 0.00           |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 3                                   | MINUS | 3  | 0                              | \$84 | \$ 0.00           |

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of \_\_\_\_\_ to and through \_\_\_\_\_, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

\_\_\_\_\_ one month (\$110) \_\_\_\_\_ three months (\$950)  
\_\_\_\_\_ two months (\$400) \_\_\_\_\_ four months (\$1510)

## TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ No additional fee is required. It is believed that the indicated items are timely filed. However, in the event an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Please charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2087.

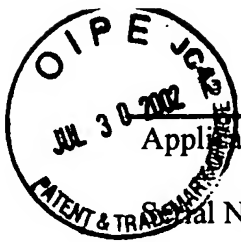
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, and is currently due July 29, 2002.

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Provisional Election with Traverse

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, the claims of Group 2 (claims 8-20) are provisionally elected with traverse.

Restriction is proper only when (1) the restricted inventions are independent or patentably distinct, and (2) when there is a serious burden on the Examiner (MPEP 803). The burden is on the Examiner to provide reasons and/or examples in support of restriction (MPEP 803). Further, requirements to restrict should have two aspects: (1) the reasons why the inventions are independent/distinct, and (2) reasons for insisting upon restriction (MPEP 808).

37 C.F.R. §1.8

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